



The Resurrection of Christ

Introduction: Through atheistic teachers many strange and weird theories are advanced now-a-days, concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, to the Christian it is as it has always been; the pull-motor of the Christian religion: the *prima facie* evidence and hope of eternal life.

The Resurrection Foretold

Text: He is not here, for he is risen, as he said, Matt. 28:6. Christ had foretold His resurrection at many different intervals. When questioned by the scribes and Pharisees for a sign, Jesus answered them prophetically in the following manner. "For as Jonas was three days and nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and nights in the heart of the earth." Matt. 12:40. The prophets had foretold of his coming as a Savior into the world. They had sufficient reason to believe that Jesus was Christ. However, He would re-affirm their faith, both in the supernatural and in hope of eternal life; by referring unto His resurrection attesting its assurance by the sign of Jonas the prophet, an event entirely familiar unto any orthodox Jew.

The Transfiguration a Foreview of The Resurrection

The transfiguration of Christ before His disciples, on the mount, was itself a divine manifestation and foreview of the resurrection. This fact was attested by the presence of Moses and Elias, who were

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present and talked with Him. Our Lord as He appeared in a state of tranquil glory, carried His disciples beyond the power of death and the grave and presented Christ shrouded in the glory of His coming kingdom. The presence of Moses and Elias, likewise certified the testimony of Christ and the prophets who had borne witness unto the truth of the resurrection. Here Christ charged His disciples to "Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead." Matt. 17:9. He had previously discussed the crucifixion and resurrection with His disciples, as is mentioned in chapter 16:21, which was followed by new and divine evidence by the transfiguration which took place six days later. For further references see Matt. 17:23; 20:19.

The Evidence of the Resurrection

Not only did the Jews have the voice of the prophets concerning this outstanding occurrence, but they had the witness of the disciples who saw Him after He had risen from the dead, unto "whom he also shewed himself alive *** by many infallible proofs being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." Acts 1:3. After He arose He appeared first unto Mary at the sepulcher, John 20:13. He appeared the same day unto two of them as they walked to the village of Emmaus (Luke 24:13-18). He later appeared unto His disciples in the evening, it "being the first day of the week, when the door was shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews," John 20:19. He also met His disciples by appointment in the mountain in Galilee, Matt. 28:7, 16.

They had the testimony of the angel who had first told them that "He was risen from the dead." They had seen the angel and talked with him. They had beheld the empty tomb, with the stone rolled away, the linen clothes lying, etc. They knew it to be a fact, and so treated it and acted on it as fact. With unshaken faith and the satisfaction of knowing it to be true they preached Christ and the resurrection from the dead. Such a message was in harmony with the message of the prophets who had spoken before them. It was in harmony with other divine evidence and occurrences. Elisha had raised the widow's dead son to life again, 2 Kings 4:32-37. While burying a man, forced to act hurriedly, those who had charge of the task "cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood upon his feet," 2 Kings 13:21. See also chapter 8:5. Jesus had raised to life again the little daughter of Jairus,

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NOTICES

To the ministers and laity of the churches in Georgia: Not knowing the dates for the State Conventions, having previously arranged for a camp meeting and a campaign in the north, it will be impossible for me to attend these conventions. I regret so much it has happened this way.—Your brother in Christ, Earl Paulk.

The Meadville Dist. Convention will convene at Byrd's Chapel church near Meadville, Miss., Apr. 6-8 inclusive, Brother T. M. McClendon being in charge. Everybody is invited to come and help make this convention a success. We want the clerk of each church to have a good report. We expect to have dinner on the ground Sunday so bring a well filled basket.—O. L. McManus, Dist. Pastor.

The Church of God at Hazlehurst, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Endelle Bryant, R. M. Habiburton, P. M. Cooper. If not heard from by the 1st of April their names will be dropped from the church roll.—J. A. Clements, Hazlehurst, Ga. clerk.

The Lord willing, we will have all day service at the Church of God in Thomasville, Ala., the second Sunday in April. It is very necessary that all the members be there as we have some special business to attend to. All others are invited. Come and bring your basket well filled and let's have a good meeting.—Sent in by J. T. Tucker, Sunny South, Ala., at the request of the Dist. Overseer.

The Branford District Convention will convene at Ft. White, Apr. 6, 7, 8. Business on Saturday. Every member on the district is especially invited. Ministers come with a good report and good delegations from your churches. Brother Williams, our State Overseer, will be with us. Come praying and looking for great things from the Lord.—Thy brother, J. H. Griffin, Dist. Overseer.

Over the Top

The little church at Casville, Tenn. is getting along just fine and have gone over the top on their forty cents per member drive. We

believe this church is coming to the front, and we are looking for a good revival there this summer. While it is just a country church I want you to know there are some real Church of God people who love the church and are striving for the right. Please pray for them and for me, their pastor.—Luther A. Richard.

CORRECTION: In Mar. 17th issue of the Evangel under the article "Put on Charity" the writer's name was spelled S. B. McCrane, which should have been S. B. McCane, Twila, Ky.

The Booneville District Convention will convene at Oak Grove church on Friday, 7:30 p. m. before the fifth Sunday in April. Our State Overseer, T. M. McClendon, will be present. Preachers, deacons, laity will you be present? We will be looking for you at the first service. Come and enjoy a feast from the Lord.—Barkley Lott, Dist. Pastor.

The Church of God here will have a home coming on Easter Sunday. All the churches in the Ft. Myers district are cordially invited. We will have dinner on the ground, preaching, feet washing, and the Lord's Supper. Bring a well filled basket. This applies not only to the Ft. Myers district but we cordially invite all the Church of God people to come and enjoy this feast with us.—Your brother, J. C. Padgett, pastor, Nocatee, Fla.

Our District Convention will convene at Boswell, Pa., April 27-29 inclusive. All pastors, deacons, and clerks, do your best to be present.

I also want to announce that Brother J. R. Thomas, at Somerset, Pa. is appointed on the Mission Board for Pa., as the ruling of the Assembly is for bishops to be on this board. Brother Ross has served faithfully for six years and is good on keeping his books straight but he was just a deacon when he was put on the board because we did not have any Bishops at that time. He will turn books over to E. P. Kimball, Markleysburg, Pa., as he will be clerk and treasurer from May 1st. All clerks send Mission money for May to him.—Yours, H. W. Poteat, Overseer of Pa.

The Church of God at Lubbock, Texas, would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of W. E. Moore.—Nannie Fields, clerk.

We are now open for calls. We have a good collection of songs—my daughters play the piano and sing. Anyone desiring our services, write us at Bridgeport, Ill.—Rev. A. M. Waggoner and daughters.

If anyone has the following songs I would appreciate so much if you would send same to me. "Jesus Keeps Me Happy for He Knows How" and "Keep on the Firing Line." Yours in His service, Miss Inez Carter, Fayetteville, N. C., Rt. 5.

Bert H. Boyer is no longer a minister in the Church of God.—J. H. Ingram, Overseer of Arizona.

Arvel Smith and Alfred F. Bernardi would like to get out in the work. They are members of the Church of God. One is a good personal and altar worker, the other is a trained singer and can play piano, pipe organ, tenor guitar and banjo. Anyone wishing to correspond with them, write, Alfred F. Bernardi, No. 1, Clinto St., Harriman, Tenn.

To the Church of God Evangel and all it may concern: First, to the district pastors of the Church of God in Arkansas, I take this method in calling your attention to the fact that it is coming time to begin to arrange for a district convention in your district. We will first begin on the Marked Tree district. I want to get in touch with every district pastor in regard to this as soon as possible. I would also like for each district pastor to get behind the churches in your district and encourage them to come on with their forty cents per member on the indebtedness at Headquarters. To all the members of the church who live in other states and have your membership in Arkansas, I would be glad if you would send forty cents to the church where you belong as it will be hard to raise your part in these hard times. Come on with your part and help us rally to the front with our quota and help put Arkansas over the top.

We are getting ready to begin
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The Christian's Hope

By EARL PAULK

I shall endeavor to write a few things concerning the resurrection of the dead, which is the Christian's Hope, without which it would mean there would be nothing before us but one eternal night of darkness. Without this hope we would not be willing to suffer the reproach of Christ in this present world.

1 Cor. 15:19, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." So we see without this great hope we would be the most miserable of all men, which means to be unhappy, worthless, mean, or poor. (Dictionary).

Resurrection Brings Happiness

Oh, the thought of that glorious morning when Christ Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first! What a glorious time that will be when mortal puts on immortality. Then it will be that we will not be subject to the temptations of the evil one, neither will disease have any more dominion over us. That which we lost in Adam we have gained back thru Christ, inasmuch as we have awakened in His likeness. Glory to God for this wonderful thought which brings us happiness and real contentment. Words like this we find in David's writings: Psa. 17:15, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake (or be resurrected), with thy likeness." Though we have the joys of salvation, yet they all come from the thought of the resurrection and when we shall awake in His likeness. The plan of salvation is not complete in us until after the res-

urrection, then it is we shall be completely satisfied. "For we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." What a happy thought to think of the time when even our mortal bodies shall be redeemed from the results of sin.

Rom. 8:22, 23, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaleth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY." In fact, the resurrection is not for the soul but for the body. The soul is that which God will bring with Him the morning of the resurrection. 1 Thess. 4:14, and surely God does not come from the silent cities of the dead, but from paradise, for He is not the God of the dead but of the living. The soul will return with God to enter into the body the second time, after the body has been completely redeemed.

Job's Faith in the Resurrection

Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Did Job believe that he would live again? Surely he was a believer in the resurrection. Hear his words as they come echoing down thru the ages, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: AND THOUGH AFTER MY SKIN WORMS DESTROY THIS BODY, YET IN MY FLESH SHALL I SEE GOD." Surely his faith was anchored in the resurrection, to believe that though the skin worms destroy his flesh yet when his Redeemer, who liveth and is not dead, shall stand upon the earth that he would regain

his flesh and see God in a glorified body. "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change comes."

Why Job Believed in the Resurrection

We read his words in the seventh verse of the fourteenth chapter, "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, THAT IT WILL SPROUT AGAIN, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease (never die again)." He beheld the tree in the forest cut down and helpless, but not hopeless. "Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; yet through the scent of water it will bud, and LIVE AGAIN." "So man dieth, and wasteth away: * * * As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and dry up: So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more." But as the spring time comes the sun draws nearer to the earth and sends warmth thru it, the birds flutter their wings and sing a new song for joy and the old stock sprouts again. So it will be with mankind. Though we are cut down with the ax of death and are helpless for the time being, thank God we are not hopeless. As the sun draws nearer to the earth and causes the old stock to sprout again, so the Son of the eternal God will descend from heaven with a shout to draw near to the earth and as He draws near to the silent cities of the dead His virtue, His power, His glory, and the Spirit of God the Eternal will run thru the earth and quicken the mortal bodies of the dead. Then it will be that the angels will rejoice together and we, the redeemed, shall sing the song of redemption. Oh, what a transplanting time will take place! We will be removed and lifted from this low land of sorrow, disappointments, sickness, and death, into the sweet garden of

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number of evenings. A Seattle paper said: "A pillar of white light rose vertically from the gorgeous coloring of the sky surrounding the setting sun. Those who have faith in omens regarded the pillar of light as a mystic sign but could not interpret it."

"The same sign has recently been in England a number of times, and as one says: 'It was the most glorious phénoména ever witnessed by human eye.' Photographs taken in England show the display in four positions. (1) Three columns of white light. (2) The three become one. (3) The column becomes a cross. (4) The cross becomes a four-ray star.

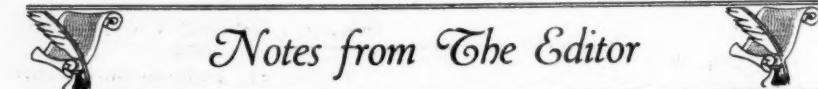
"Is there not a suggestion here of the Triune God, Three in One; the cross as the world's only hope; the culmination—the Bright Morning Star, Christ coming soon for His own?"

"According to prophecy, such displays will be frequent as the age draws to a close."

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JOB PRINTING

As a result of the National Recovery Act there is no doubt but what prices on job printing will be greatly increased throughout the entire country. The code demands that uniform prices be quoted on all job work. The standard price list will be the Franklin Printing Catalog. One printer cannot underbid another. We wish to insist that you give us consideration on your job printing and book work. Our prices will be as cheap but no cheaper than you can get it done elsewhere. You will, however, be helping your own business, the Publishing House, by giving us your work. We are doing our best. We need a new publishing plant and a new speed press to take care of our work. Give us your job printing. Write us for estimates on different classes of work.



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The Evangel rally is bringing in a considerable number of new subscriptions from all parts of the country. Many of the rural churches are responding in this drive for new subscribers to the Evangel. If the larger churches will be as generous in their response it will result in a very pleasing increase in the subscription list. We are offering during the month of March a child's Bible for each three yearly subscriptions sent at a rate of \$1.00 each. Please remember that during these days of apostasy and widespread of atheism your church members and community stand badly in need of a paper containing wholesome Christian literature such as the Church of God Evangel contains. We need to awaken to the opportunity of the printed page.

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RED FLAG PLOT CHARGE BY DR. WIRT

Dr. Wm. Wirt, an Indiana educator, created a great sensation last week "by claiming" that a member of President Roosevelt's brain trust is trying to hinder recovery and thereby promote revolution in America. Concerning this report when read before the House Commerce Committee at Washington the brain trustees refused to comment." Dr. Wirt alleged that an "unusual member of the advisory group" made the statement that, "We believe that we can keep Mr. Roosevelt there until we are ready to supplant him with a Stalin. We all think Mr. Roosevelt is only the

Kerensky of this revolution."

Under date of March 26th Dr. Wirt insists that he shall "be glad to appear before a special congressional committee to investigate the charges made in my letter read by Mr. Rand." Wirt said, "And if the committee asks me and I am convinced the welfare of the nation demands it, I shall name the brain trust who made the statements."

We are told in Eph. 6:12 that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Christians are aware that the privilege and liberty of the cause of Christianity is at stake by the invasion of these foreign wicked diplomats. We are commanded to pray for kings and rulers and those in authority. By prayer alone we will be able to throw off, and then only for a time, the powers of darkness that are trying to crush the cause of Christianity and strangle the society of nations thus forcing them to accept Antichrist rule.

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STRANGE SIGNS IN THE SUN

According to Dr. Keith writing in Prophecy in recent months newspapers have been reporting strange manifestations of the sun in various parts of the world. We give below an excerpt concerning such occurrences.

"Last year the sunsets at Puget Sound attracted the attention of hundreds of meteorologists and Weather Bureau experts, for a

MOTHER'S DAY BOOKS

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No. 2 Mother's Day Treasury, 48 pages, contains primary material, junior and intermediate material, dialogues and pantomimes, tableaux, and decorative suggestions, musical numbers, etc. Price, 25 cents.

Past, Present and Future

The world today is sex mad. The attention of the public mind is everywhere attracted to this subject. The theatres almost exclusively feature the lure of sex in their productions. The love triangle, or illegitimate relationship of the sexes appeals to the crowds to fascinate their attention. News stands overflow with hundreds of trashy publications, all filled with a type of reading calculated to stir the animal emotions and feed the carnal nature.

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Those who avoid the theatre and refuse to feed their minds on book-stand love thrillers must nevertheless face the sex devil. Bill boards flare with their suggestive advertising. Radio broadcasts mix in the sex element and an ever increasing per cent of modern womanhood today, as one court judge avers, "dress for the street as past generations dressed for the bed." Modern commentators hail the present trend as, "women's new freedom," "the frank expression of nature," and the, "emancipation of the race from sex hypocrisy." So-called advanced thinkers such as, Bertrand Russel, Bernard Shaw, and H. G. Wells, herald a new day of liberation from past moral restraints and what they call 'sex frustration.' The Bible teaches that mankind achieves its best through self-control, denial of desire, and mortification of unlawful appetite and the eradication of physical selfishness. The modern teaching is self-expression, unbridled license, acceptance of unlawful appetites as 'natural,' normal and desirable. Daily papers and monthly magazines, carry news items and articles acquainting the public with the modern idea and the new attitude toward sex matters. As each downward step is taken the human race is being prepared to take the next downward plunge.

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The latest fad to appear is called Nudism. The Literary Digest, issue of Oct. 14, 1933, reviews this trend, "fad, cult, or whatever label it should bear, as a movement which is spreading with the sanction of an increasingly greater number of municipal legislators and acceptance by many ecclesiastical and civic organizations. American Nudists have increased from 2,100 to 130,000 during the last ten

months according to Rev. Illsley Boone, managing editor of the Nudist Magazine, official publication of the International Nudist Conference. In 1935, predicts Mr. Boone, the number will have increased to 1,000,000."

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"Nudism, as defined before the Fellowship of Faiths, in Chicago, by Henry S. Huntington, one of the founders of The International Nudist Conference, (Note. This Fellowship of Faiths, is a movement to create a great world religion including Catholic, Jew, Protestant, New Thought, Buddhist, Hindu, Mohammedan and what not. Evidently they plan to include the Nudists as a religious faith also.) 'is a breaking of the tabu on the sight of the body'—'Nudism secures all the physical benefits of sun bathing, and much besides. It produces quite remarkable psychological and social results upon the character. Nudism interests religious people.'"

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High-sounding phrases indeed! In the name of religion, the clergy, health, and an aid to character, nakedness of men and women together in the Nudist Colonies is presented to the public mind as a desirable advance to the race. There are at present about "200 nudist colonies in the country—and others are being established as fast as the law permits.

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Jesus Christ said, "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5:28. The apostate members of the clergy who countenance lust in its latest forms, were described in God's Book centuries ago. "When they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, THEY THEMSELVES ARE THE SERVANTS OF CORRUPTION: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought into bondage. Having eyes full of adultery that cannot cease from sin." 2 Peter 2:18, 19 and 14.

Simple women who thoughtlessly follow the modern fashions of dress do not consider what the

dress designers KNOW: namely, that present styles are designed for the express purpose of calling attention to the body of the wearer. One of these designers writing in Harpers, June 1933, says, "As every one knows who has attended life class or medical school, there is nothing intrinsically exciting about the naked figure even for the opposite sex—FOR THAT REASON highly civilized peoples are constantly preoccupied with inventing new methods of covering themselves up so that the sexes can continue to lure one another. The more cultured the society, the more absorbed it becomes in deciding what the well dressed man and woman will wear."

If the people of the world are going to bow down before the Sex Molech and the goddess of fashion nothing can stop them, but when so-called Christians have in them the love of the world and the things of the world and the desire to imitate the ways of the world, the love of the Father is not in them. 1 John 2:15. The worldlings led in bobbing their hair, then apostate Christians bobbed theirs. Worldlings bobbed their skirts, apostate Christians did likewise. Worldlings dressed to attract attention to their bodies, apostate Christians followed suit. If time goes on apostate Christians will feel at liberty to go naked as the Nudists are now doing and will see no more harm in that than they have seen in the other steps toward world conformity which they have taken. Faithful preachers who soberly hold up the Bible standards of life and who denounce modern trends as indecent and immoral are accused of, 'thinking evil,' and, 'intruding into fields not covered in the Gospel.' This, as the seduction itself, is the work of the enemies of righteousness. "Of this sort are they that creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 2 Tim. 3:6, 7. No modern development coincides with prophecy more fully than the sex madness of the present times.

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MARYLAND, DELAWARE, AND DIST. OF COLUMBIA STATE CONVENTION

Easton, Md., May 9-13,

F. B. Marine, Overseer

The Resurrection of Christ

(Continued from page 1) the ruler of the synagogue, Matt. 9:18. To satisfy the aching heart of a bereaved mother who had lost her only son, He had broken up a funeral march by raising her son to life again, Luke 7:11-15. One of the last miracles wrought by Christ was the raising of Lazarus from the dead. These things as St. Paul has said "were not done in a corner;" the Jews were all aware of the truthfulness of these occurrences. John 11:36-46. They had the testimony of the guards who were watching at His tomb when the angel descended and rolled back the stone that liberated Christ. These soldiers had "quaked in fear of him." They were later paid a large sum of money to tell falsehood concerning the whole affair. The priests were aware of the fact of the resurrection but tried to smother it out with a lie, and a piece of money, Matt. 28:13.

The Witness of Nature

All the laws of nature testify the fact of the resurrection. Every swelling bud of the tiny plant, putting forth leaves of the shrub or the tree attests the fact of the resurrection, Job 14:7. The truth of the gospel is evidenced in nature as it is through divine revelation from the God of nature. The tiny seed or grain of wheat has within it the seed germ of a new creation. Jesus Himself referred unto this fact when He spake of His own resurrection, and the purpose of His death. He was as a "corn of wheat" which fell into the ground, that it might not abide alone; but that there might be a crop and a reaping of the harvest of the resurrection from the dead. Out from the dead he was the first born, Col. 1:18; Rev. 1:5. The Apostle Paul used a like analogy of the resurrection of the dead; and infers that it is in harmony with the laws of nature, 1 Cor. 15:35-38. The feast of the first-fruits mentioned in Lev. 23:9-14, carried with it just such a meaning. As the first-fruit of the resurrection Christ became a "quickening or living Spirit" that He might quicken and raise us up to life again. The flower of the plant, of the shrub, of the tree or the many beautiful unfolding petals of bloom within the flower garden, bears witness and evidence of the glory that follows the resurrection of Christ and His

creation. After the quickening showers of rain, and the beaming sun rays upon the plant or vegetable kingdom there comes a resurrection of nature, coinciding with the purpose and promise of God unto His entire creation. As the flower or bloom is evidence of an advanced stage of the resurrection of life in the vegetable kingdom, even so we are promised something more than simply life after death. We have the promise of a life in glory with our heavenly Master. Nor does it stop at that, it is not a mere raising to life again, nor yet to a life of glory with Christ; but there follows a period of fruit bearing beyond the stage of the bloom or glory. There will be a continuation of that creation itself, wherein there shall be "glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus in or into all the generations of the age of ages" (literal) Eph. 3:21.

The Miracle of the Resurrection

That the resurrection was the most outstanding miracle of the ages is everywhere evidenced. Yet it is in harmony with the progressive witness and revelation of the Holy Scriptures which alone tell us about the resurrection of the dead. God always has been and always will be a miracle-working God. He is able to accomplish that which is entirely miraculous, and does therefore so work and act in the power of miracle. There is not a hard hearted infidel but who is in some way touched with the death of a loved one, who by reason of the tie of human nature is dear and precious unto him, but who would himself if he were able recreate or raise his loved one from the dead. His very nature demands that he do it if he were able. His very heart would pride itself in being able to do what would be the desire of the heart of every infidel regarding the death of their loved ones. They would each joyously break the power of death to satisfy the desires of their own heart. However, when we turn to the resurrection of Jesus, they would deny the fact or possibility of God who is able to do so, and who has by reason of His tie of love broken the power of death. They not only deny the fact of it, and the ability of God to do it, but they particularly despise and blame God for doing just what every infidel would do to satisfy the desires of

his own heart if he were able. The power behind the miracle of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, as well as that of the saints of all ages, is love. It is love reaching out in the power of its own strength to accomplish the desire of its own purpose. It is love liberating its desired object from the bondage of death. "Love is strong as death." "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it," S. of S. 8:6,7. Therefore Jehovah exclaims, "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction." Hos. 13:14. Then shall the weakest saint of God awake from the dust of the earth to sing the triumphant song, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory. Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Cor. 15:54, 55.

The Miracle of Evolution

One could but be amazed at the remarkable faith of the evolutionists. They have a way of accounting for all the miracle of nature, in the material universe as well as the creation of the animal kingdom, with man as a climax of that creation. Their faith, if it be called such, yet it is true that it is after all a kind of false faith, consisting of a hypothesis of what is in their opinion the manner and means of the creation of all material things. If their theory were true it allows for all the miraculous things of the creation to happen that has happened, yet coming from an entirely different source. The fact of the creation exists, and it is as miraculous if it came by evolution as if by creation. If they can allow for all the miracle of creation whether by process of law or by force and from matter, it seems to me it would be just as easy to accept the idea of God's miracle as to try to establish its origin from another source which must account for the creation to be no less a miracle. The only thing they are ringfenced without hope, for since man's years are all the while shortened and the creation growing physically weaker; if there be no resurrection then the evolutionists will all soon disappear along with their own theory. Degeneration is a proven fact, both from scripture as well as from observation. The resurrection of our Lord makes possible the renewing of the entire creation. For me it is a great deal easier to trust and to know that a loving

God is working for the renewing of the creation, than to think that the cold forces of matter or the laws of evolution could originate a solution out of chaos. These have so far put no check on the common calamities of mankind.

The Miracle of Education

If education holds out unto man a promise of ever reaching eternal life or a state of perfection equivalent unto that promised through the resurrection of the dead, it must itself assume the same authority and power of becoming equivalent unto that of the omnipotency of God as a creator. It must assume an equal responsibility for the power to transform by working a miracle, the lives and physical make-up of mankind if it offers any solution unto the ills of the human race. What is particularly interesting, but to be looked upon with dread and suspicion, is that education along with the theory of organic evolution purposes to assume all the responsibility for a miracle that must be true and accomplish the idea and desire of mankind, that is promised by God Himself. If the task of evolution and education must equal that of God as a creator, it is just as easy to accept the teachings of Christ regarding the resurrection and salvation as a result of it, as it would be to accept either of the other classes here mentioned. The teachings of Christ present a love story filled with the loving kindness of our heavenly Father, assuming all the responsibility for and working out our salvation. While on the other hand the theories of evolution and education are void of love, void of hope from a practical standpoint and placed as a remote possibility, not for all mankind but for those who may chance to live in the day of remote possibility. For God's sake, for the sake of mankind give us the "old Book" upon which there are thirty-two thousand promises to pillow our dying head. Education does not make men holy. Evolution doesn't make men holy. They cannot save a man. The resurrection of Christ by process of regeneration makes men holy and fit for a spiritual and holy kingdom.

He is Risen

The angel pointed out the fact that Christ had "risen" from the dead. Out of the grip and power of the tomb He came a mighty victor, a hero over death and hell. Risen out of death, into a new and

eternal life; what blest hope here borders upon the victory of Christ over the archenemy of mankind. Not only risen out of death, into life; but exalted and given a name which is above every name that is named. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:9-11. "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended upon high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." Eph. 4:8. "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." Col. 2:15. Who, "after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." Heb. 10:12; Eph. 1:20. "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Eph. 1:21. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church," V. 22. "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God." Eph. 3:10. St. Peter adds: "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him." 1 Pet. 3:22. In this high and exalted position St. Stephen beheld him, Acts 7:56. From Saul of Tarsus we also learn some things of His heavenly authority and glory, Acts 9:3-6; 22:14. Lastly from St. John we have a graphic description of his heavenly glory and work mentioned in Rev. 1:9-20; 5:5-14; 19:11-16.

General Evidences

Every Protestant and Catholic minister, regardless of how weak or how powerful in influence, is a witness that in their hearts and minds Christ has risen. Multiplied thousands of mammoth church buildings, edifices, Bible institutes and theological seminaries all are a monument built unto the memory of the fact and power of Christ's resurrection. Multiplied millions and millions of millions of the saved who have professed faith in His name and who have had their sins washed away and their weary and tired spirits bathed and put to rest by His loving kindness and grace, are like-

wise an evidence and testimony of the fact that "Christ is risen" from the grave into a reigning place in their hearts and lives. Multiplied thousands and even millions of atheists and infidels, who resist and refuse to believe upon Him will some day awaken to the fact that Christ hath been made Lord of lords and King of kings; before whom all mankind shall fall and confess that He is Lord unto the glory of God the Father. Christ is risen.

REVIVAL AT HOMOSASSA, FLA.

We have just closed a revival at Homosassa, Fla. The Lord was with us. One was saved and sanctified and one reclaimed. The Lord surely did work, also the devil, but we had a good revival. Every one please pray hard for this place as so many souls need God in their lives. The people attend services but it seems that the devil has them bound so till they will not go to the altar. Pray for us that we might be in the center of His will. Your sister in Jesus.—Bessie Lyle.

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In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

J. H. INGRAM, E. W. WILLIAMS, Mission Editors

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mex. Calle Guerrero 45-B, Mar. 15, 1934. Dear Evangel Readers: I am back in Mexico again after an absence of three months, during which time I have visited extensively throughout the territory assigned to my hands in the homeland. The California state convention was held during the time as the report shows.

Arriving at the International Boundary Line I experienced no difficulty in securing my permit to enter the country. I left my car on the American side and continued by train, as that method of travel is not only cheaper but safer when one is traveling alone.

My first stop was in Nogales, Sonora, just across the border. There I found the people rejoicing in the Savior's love. Before boarding the train for the interior I purchased a round-trip ticket. My first scheduled stop was at Santa Ana where I visited the folks and conducted services in one of their homes.

When the time of my departure had arrived I was waiting at the depot with my luggage when the night express, the "El Costana" hove in sight as she came thundering o'er the rails, around the curve, and across the bridge spanning the Oroya-dry wash, to the station, coming to a swift stop with the screeching of brakes. The dust, so common to the desert country, filled the air, and volume of strange voices arose as the crowd of natives rushed hither and thither getting on and off the train, some in their haste passing their baggage through the open windows of the cars. Others busied themselves sending hot coffee and lunches from the improvised eating places set up on the station platform. But all this commotion was commonplace and was but a passing scene with me for my main concern was to get aboard the train and be seated for the continued journey. This I succeeded in doing with ticket in hand. By this time we were under way, leaving the station in the distance and as the train gained speed the con-

ductor's familiar cry was heard, "Boletos, Boletos," tickets, tickets. Reaching for my ticket in my inside coat pocket to my utter surprise I discovered that the first conductor had failed to properly punch the same in the space provided for in the case of a stop-over. Although I made it as plain to him as I could in my imperfect Spanish, this conductor informed me that my ticket had been rendered invalid by stopping over, and could not be used for the rest of the trip. So rather than create any confusion or misunderstanding and at the risk of being forced off the train, I told him to stop for me and I would get off and walked back to the station. The kindly disposed agent wired to the headquarters in Juadalajara, Jalisco, one thousand miles away, in an effort to have my ticket validated.

I waited for twenty-four hours without any reply and as it was about time for another train—a mixed freight and passenger—to arrive, I went across the hill—back side of an old cemetery to pray in the midst of the ocotillas. It was then the Lord began to deal with me and show me the object lesson to be learned in missing the train; the which I will give in brief hereafter. As the train time drew nearer with no answer in sight, I again packed up my baggage and went to the station. Upon arrival of the train I explained my position to the next conductor before going aboard the train. He was a nice sort of fellow and said "You have paid your fare, why not ride? Get aboard. I'll pass you up on that ticket." So I am here in Hermosillo, which means, "little beauty."

I am being royally entertained in the home of Senor Luis Pelaez, a brother-in-law of Sister Atkinson. They are quartered in the old Chinese chamber of commerce building, which is very beautiful and spacious. Both he and his wife are very hospitable and spare neither time nor money in effort to make one feel welcome and comfortable. Brother Latimer and party will remember being quartered here over night on two occa-

sions, when Brothers Boehmer and Whittington were along. This is the capitol of the State of Sonora and a very beautiful little city. It is prosperous considering the times in which we live. There are a number of Protestant believers in and about the city who are interested in the Church of God. I am trying to see what, if anything, can be done to corral them.

The reports show the new church in Mazatlan, Sinaloa is growing. They are making an effort to get money for a church building. The last report Sister Atkinson was in services in Mexico City, the capitol of the Republic. The Pentecostal people there have a temple seating over five thousand people and if I mistake not cost \$75,000.00 to build. She thinks we may interest them in the Church of God.

Now about the lesson learned in missing the train. It came to me this way. Many people who have started out with the Lord stopped over at some "worldly town" to investigate some place or thing—became weary with the journey and fell asleep spiritually, and as the train whistled for the station they awoke and approached with their tickets in their hand, but found that no stop-overs were granted and so were left behind. I thought of the five wise and the five foolish virgins mentioned in the Bible, when the cry came forth, "Behold the bridegroom cometh." By stopping over I had to ride on the mixed train where all orders of God's creation may ride, both man and beast.

We made it all right but not very good riding. I had a ticket for the round trip on the passenger, had I observed the rules more closely. Likewise we have a round trip ticket or pass to Heaven purchased through Jesus' precious blood. Let us not get off the train but aid others in getting on. They who fail to make the rapture may take it up with headquarters in Heaven and come later by mixed train, bearing representatives of every kindred tongue and nation up thru the great tribulation. But all those taking passage this way will lose their heads as it will be necessary to go to the chopping block in that case, and I am afraid but few will be able to make it through then, as it will take more grace to die for the Lord than to live for Him. But why travel that way when we can go first class and lead the parade?

Yes, a round trip to Heaven is provided. We can come back with Christ and His saints to reign a thousand years when the Marriage Supper in the skies is over. Hermosillo means "little beauty" but not so with Heaven, on the contrary it will be so great it is inestimable. When there is to be an excursion to some interesting place the railroads advertise in advance and try to get all the passengers possible to go. It is up to us, as the Church of God to advertise this heavenly excursion by getting the news out to the lost nations. It is also like, or in fact is, a great warfare for God as we go forth to the fray. In the army they have the different ranks and files, for instance, front rank and rear rank, soldiers supplemented by file-closers and super-numeraries. Those from the rear fill up the ranks at the front when their comrades in battle fall. Some of us occupy positions as home or national guards while others rush the front line trenches in the thick of battle. Some of us will go out feet foremost by way of the grave should He tarry, but what's the difference? It will only serve as a short cut to glory but "The dead in Christ shall rise first."

I could say more but will bid you "Adios" for the present.—J. H. Ingram.

Note: Conditions in Mexico from a business standpoint seem to be on the upward trend, which is gratifying and the authorities seem to be more tolerant with religion here of late. Were it not for our sinister influences who have predominated in religion and undertook to run politics, I believe we would have religious freedom in full here. Last week in Juarez one priest was jailed over the question of sex education among children and I am afraid there will be some unpleasant reaction from this incident, perhaps bloodshed yet. Please pray, every one.

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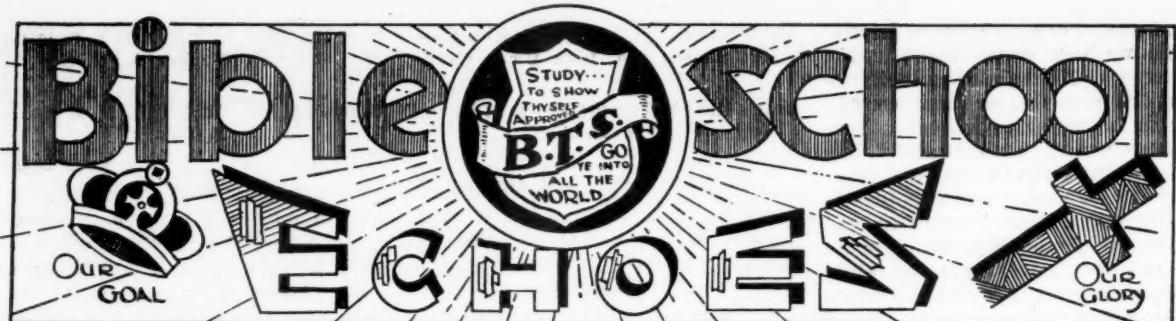
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GOOD-BYES OF THE STUDENTS

The time is spent and gone, our good B. T. S. comes to a close. Words can't explain the good things we have both enjoyed and learned. Our school faculty are the best teachers I have ever known, so far as teaching is concerned. Lots of things we would like to tell you about this wonderful school, but we don't have much space, so we ask all to pray for us. We want to do God's will. The Lord's blessings on all is my prayer.—A brother from the Philippines, Aurelio Tioaqueen.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed and provided for me this year in B. T. S. Surely hope that I may return next year to better fit myself for service.—Dorothy L. Torgerson, Parshall, N. Dak.

Having been in B. T. S., which I believe to be the best place on earth, I say good-bye and God bless you.—Joseph Kisser, Page, N. Dak.

The true Christian fellowship of the students and teachers has proven a wonderful blessing to me. Pray for me.—Glenn Givens, Electra, Texas.

These days in B. T. S. are the happiest of my life.—Rachel Sharp, Covington, La.

As Mary at the feet of Jesus, we have enjoyed and feasted on the good Word of God.—Bessie Branson, Pompano, Fla.

I have enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the students and faculty, but best of all I have received the Holy Ghost.—Erma Reid, N. Carolina.

I appreciate the happy privilege of attending B. T. S. this year. Pray for me.—Ava Nell Baxter, Resaca, Ga.

This being my third term in B. T. S., the good Lord only knows how much I appreciate His many blessings.—William E. Raney, Birmingham, Ala.

I truly thank the Lord for His

goodness to me and for the privilege of being in B. T. S. again.—A. J. Gardner, 117 Willington St., Bessemer, Ala.

We thank and praise the Lord for the privilege of being in B. T. S. this term. Pray that we may be able to return next term.—Vance and Addie Perkins, Macon, Ga.

I am very thankful that I have had the privilege of being in B. T. S. this year. Pray for me.—Walter B. Johnson, Alma, Ga.

B. T. S. is about to close. Good-bye to all.—Edwin Mortenson, Ryder, N. Dak.

The Bible School has proven to be a greater blessing to me than I ever expected. Good-bye and God bless you.—Victor Nelson, Rt. 4, Douglas, N. Dak.

My appreciation of the Bible School is ineffable. Good-bye to each student. Meet me here next year.—Earlie M. Tapley, Smyrna, Ga.

One of the greatest inspirations of my life has been my stay in B. T. S. Pray for me.—G. G. Paton, Hartwood, Va.

I certainly have enjoyed this term of B. T. S. and intend to come back next year. Remember me in your prayer.—Alvin Kimel, Wahpeton, N. Dak.

Let us all be close to Jesus in the fight.—Orville Reum, Plaza, N. Dak.

Let us all stand brave and true for Jesus till the end.—Ivan D. Avery, Parshall, N. Dak.

I grant it a pleasure indeed to have had the opportunity of being in B. T. S. Pray much for me.—Walter Thomas, Ft. Myers, Fla.

I can't express in words how I love the B. T. S. I appreciate all teachers. They have been a blessing to me.—George H. Lytle, Asheville, N. C.

It has indeed been a wonderful privilege to attend B. T. S. this term.—Velma Meares, Largo, Fla.

B. T. S., the school of service. It has served me.—Ralph Williams,

Lakeland, Fla.

I'm truly glad to have been in Bible School this year. May God bless you all.—Lawrence Harper Epps, La., Rt. 1, Box 77.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for a very helpful term in B. T. S., and it is with regret that I say good-bye.—Irving N. Knox, Halidon Road, Cumberland Mills, Me.

I have certainly appreciated Bible School this year because it was here I received the Holy Ghost.—Roxie McClure, Electra, Tex.

I am very thankful for the privilege of attending B. T. S. It is the best privilege I have ever had.—Willie Mae Carroll, Cleveland, Tenn.

Good-bye, B. T. S. and students. I hope to meet you next term.—W. W. Morgan, Pine Hill, Ala.

May God's blessings be upon the school in the future as it has these three years I have attended.—Edith Moore, Cleveland, Tenn.

I appreciate what the Bible School has meant to me. I hope I can be back next term.—Elaine Pagenhart, Poluma, N. Dak.

Good-bye, dear B. T. S. and students. I am hoping to meet you again next term.—Dorothy Dunn, Box 2634, West Gastonia, N. C.

To know the students of B. T. S. is to love them. Good-bye until next year.—Maudelle Morse, Dunn, La.

The hearty co-operation, love, and unity of the faculty and students makes us say, "I'll be back next term, D.V."—Juanita Dixon, Dunn, La.

I surely have enjoyed this term of school and hate to see it close.—Ruby Adams, 2402 Barnes St., Cleveland, Tenn.

This truly has been the happiest school term I ever spent. The Spirit of God has truly been with us.—Martha Holt, Atlanta, Ga.

I've truly enjoyed my stay in Bible School and I mean to come next year, D.V. Omega LaFevre.

Smithville, Tenn.

Having been in B.T.S. I want to tell all the students good-bye and may God bless you.—Willard Aaron, Leachville, Arkansas.

There's no place on earth like our B. T. S., few places as good. Pray for me.—Lois Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla.

I can truly say with the deepest sincerity of my heart that I have enjoyed the privilege of attending B. T. S. this term.—Elsie Ralph, Pittsburg, Kansas, Rt. 5.

B. T. S. is truly a place where one can enjoy good instruction in Bible and music as well as the blessings of the Lord.—George P. Savchenko, Makoti, N. Dak., Rt. 2, Box 37.

I have enjoyed being in Bible School this year. Pray for me.—Eva Dixon, Gasparilla, Fla.

I have enjoyed Bible School very much. I hope to be here next year to enjoy God's blessings.—Grace Hix, King St., No. 5, Greenville, S. C.

I am happy to know that I have had the opportunity of attending B.T.S. this term of 1933-34. Pray for me.—R. E. Lovell, S. C.

I thank the Lord for the privilege of being in such a school as B.T.S.—Clyde Cooper, Weed, N. Mex.

I am very thankful for three successful terms in Bible School where I received a good foundation for my study. Good-bye.—R. C. Stafford.

God bless B.T.S. and the three terms I have spent here to His glory. Good-bye!—Mrs. R. C. Stafford.

I find it impossible to express my appreciation to my teachers and the students of B.T.S. This term of school has been the means of my salvation.—Lewis Hodges, S. Dak.

The Bible School has been a great blessing to me. Pray for me.—Margaret Rowe, 2402 Barnes St., Cleveland, Tenn.

I thank God for the privilege of attending B. T. S. I know it has made of me a more able worker in His service.—Lessie Russell, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Well, friends, school is over and we are all returning to the fields of labor. Pray for us. Good-bye until next October.—Mary Powers, Box 62, Ft. Myers, Fla.

Gen. 31:49. For he (Laban) said, "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."—Paul Schiewek, Ryder,

N. Dak.

Another successful term of B. T. S. has come to a close. We are glad to have been here and feel sad to have to say good-bye.—Victoria Waters, 1837 Egner St., Jacksonville, Fla.

My desire is to show my appreciation of being here this term by doing all in my power to help further the cause of Christ.—Katie Cooper, Cooper, N. Mex.

Bible School has been a blessing to me. Pray that I will always do my little part in His service.—Mildred Murphree, 1312 Alabama Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

It seems sad to leave the friends we love so well but we can meet again some day if we are true to Jesus. Pray for me.—Carmenitta Best, Bayard, W. Va.

I'm grateful for having had this grand privilege of attending the Church of God B. T. S. My sincerest gratitude is extended to the faculty and students for interest shown to me.—Albert W. Picker, Dupree, S. Dak.

My heart is full of thankfulness to our gracious and loving God for the privilege of attending another term of Bible School.—James A. Cross, Miami, Fla.

It makes my heart sad to leave B. T. S. I have enjoyed it and hope to come back next year. Good-bye!—Anna Sundy, Bon Air, Tenn.

The Christian's Hope

(Continued from page 3)
paradise and there be planted together in God's presence to bloom forever ("will not cease"), and subsist from the river of life which proceeds from God's throne and from the glory of His eternal face and of the Lamb.

Remember Me

Job 14:13, "O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and REMEMBER ME!" Job was willing to die and be placed in the grave if the Lord would only set a time and remember him. What did he have reference to when he said, "Remember me"? He had reference to being redeemed from the grave, or the resurrection. How sad it would be when we are forced to carry our loved ones to the silent city of the dead and there plant them in their

graves, if we had no hope of them being remembered by a resurrection of God. The reason Job was so careful not to sin against God was that he wanted Him to remember him with a resurrection. When asked by his wife to curse God, his reply was, "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God," if we curse Him? If he did so he could not expect God to remember him, but he patiently said, "He knoweth the way I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

Paul states in 1 Cor. 15:32, "If the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die." The thought with Paul is if there be no resurrection of the dead then we may enjoy the things of this world or that which the flesh lusts after, or in other words, what Moses called the pleasures of sin. Heb. 11:25. But inasmuch as there will be a resurrection of the dead and a life in the world to come, we need to be careful in what we do and say, that we may be remembered in the morning of the resurrection.

Christ Arose Again

When the women came to the grave seeking for their Lord, the angel proclaimed, "He is not here: for he is risen as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay." Although the soldiers were placed there at the command of the governor to watch and guard His grave, that no one might steal His body away, yet when the appointed time came He arose and came forth victorious, broke the seals of the governor asunder. 1 Thess. 4:14, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Now if we believe that Jesus did die and rose again, and lives, according to His Word, we shall surely live again after death. What a glorious life that will be. Rom. 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." So let us be faithful and careful that we might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Amen.

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Sunday School Lesson

LESSON 2

APRIL 8

THE CHILD AND THE KINGDOM

TEXT: Matt. 18:1-6, 12-14; 19:13-15. — **MEMORY VERSE:** Matt. 18:4.

TIME: Summer or early fall of A. D. 29. — **PLACE:** Capernaum.

GOLDEN TEXT: Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 19:14.

LEADING THOUGHT: The importance of reaching that simple place of mind and heart is the thought of our lesson.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

V. 1. "At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus." A reference to the time when Jesus provided the tribute money by special miracle, from the mouth of a fish caught by St. Peter. "Saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" From Mark 9:33, 34 we learn that the disciples returning from the Mount of Transfiguration had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. The evidence points to the fact that they little understood the nature of the kingdom which Christ was about to set up. They had overlooked His death, the purpose of which was to provide an atonement for sin.

JESUS ILLUSTRATING THE KINGDOM

V. 2. "And Jesus called a little child unto him." Possibly the child of one of the disciples. "A tradition mentioned by Nicephorus (history Eccl. 2:35) asserts that this child was the famous martyr Ignatius." "And set him in the midst of them." The presence of an innocent, unselfish child placed in their midst immediately afforded the strongest rebuke to angry and selfish aspirants. Mark says Jesus took the child in His arms, thus affording an example of the law of love of His kingdom, also an insistence of their trustfulness and submission unto His tender care.

V. 3. "And said, Verily I say unto you." Verily means truly or amen. When thus used it placed special emphasis upon what was to follow. "Except ye be converted." That is, turn from your proud, ambitious thoughts of worldly dignity and self-seeking. They had shown rivalry, jealousy and personal ambition. Convert means to turn squarely around. Their nature must be reversed to the trustfulness and humility as shown in the little child. "And become as little children." The special attributes of children are humility, unworldliness, simplicity and teachableness, the very opposite of self-seeking, worldliness, distrust and conceit. "Ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." The kingdom of heaven referred to here doesn't mean a state of glory but refers to the spiritual realm of the church-state as opposed to the self-life. The kingdom of heaven is the perfection and final development of that spiritual state.

JESUS TEACHES HUMILITY

V. 4. "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself." This phrase gives direct answer to the apostles' question, not limiting its privileges to a few special ones but to all those who humble themselves. The first requisite as shown in the Sermon on the Mount was, "Blessed are the poor (or humble) in spirit," as opposed to the proud and selfish efficient spirit. "As this little child." A direct reference to the simplicity of its heart. A child always presents, if properly tutored, a teachable spirit and an openness of mind. "The same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." The more the professed Christian or the aspirant to the kingdom of heaven annihilates self and casts away pride, conceit, obstinacy, the more especially suited are they to become a living member of Christ's kingdom.

V. 5. "And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me." Reception of a little child or one coming in the name of Christ includes the showing of tender affection, extending material succor, hospitality, shelter, etc., as well as bestowal of help and support in spiritual things. It also includes encouragement in holiness and instruction in divine things. The above responsibility is especially enjoined upon Christians and Christian workers in receiving Christian fellows. It also includes the unsaved, the manner in which we are to receive the unsaved if we are to win them for Christ.

WARNING AGAINST OFFENCES

V. 6. "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me." That is, cause to stumble or give an occasion for their fall either in faith or morals, generally done by setting evil example or teaching them to sin or sneering at piety. "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea." The crime specified of offending a Christian is so heinous that a man had better incur the most certain and violent death than if by means of it he may avoid sin and save the soul of some one else. There were two millstones; the upper one was turned by hand. Possibly this one was meant. Drowning was a common penalty for crimes committed among Romans, Greeks, and Syrians. This punishment was reserved for the greatest of criminals. Thus Christ points to offend-

ing a believer as being the greatest possible crime.

PARABLE OF THE SEEKING SHEPHERD

Matt. 18:12-14.

V. 12. "How think ye?" Rather, what think ye? Christ as a teacher put His disciples thinking before He presented His parable. "If a man have an hundred sheep." That is, a large flock, but not too large for the shepherd to have full knowledge of them in that he detects the loss of a single one. In the event of loss the shepherd regards only the danger and possible destruction of the wanderer. "And one of them be gone astray." It becomes the immediate object of his love and pity. "Doth he not leave the ninety and nine?" That is if the shepherd is to conduct the search in person, in which case the ninety and nine would be placed on probation. Both features are represented in Christ coming to earth to seek and to save the lost. "And goeth into the mountains." A reference to the toil, strain and hardship on the part of the shepherd. Contrast the agonies of death, etc. "And seeketh that which is gone astray." The lost sheep would not return of itself nor was it possible for mankind to return without the gulf of the fall caused by sin being bridged by divine nature and the creature wooed back into divine favor into the fold through divine love.

V. 13. "And if so be that he find it." The search may prove fruitless, in which case the shepherd is not rewarded. Man's perverse nature makes him oftentimes resentful of Christ's salvation. "Verily I say unto you." An emphasis regarding the triumph of love. "He rejoiceth more of that sheep." All the healthy children of the home may be forgotten of a mother's love temporarily while she nourishes and cares for an afflicted child through a long malady. "Than of the ninety and nine which went not astray." Love regards not the unity of that which it holds in its possession while it struggles against loss of others. It does particularly exalt itself in holding its entire possession in a state of love after winning in conflict which threatens its unity. Such should be the effort of every pastor toward his flock and every father and mother toward their children.

V. 14. "Even so." A summary of what had been said. Contrast of the earthly shepherd and that of the heavenly Shepherd. "It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven." To scandalize or offend one of God's little ones by leading them into sin, thus causing them to perish, is to fight against God's will, who desires to have all men to be saved, 1 Tim. 2:4. "That one of these little ones should perish." To prevent them from perishing was the object of God's gift, John 3:16. JESUS BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN

Matt. 19:13-15

V. 13. "Then there were brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray." Christ had blessed the offices of marriage and companionship, Matt. 19:3, 10. He now blessed the fruits of marriage. "It was

a custom among the Jews to bring their infants to the synagogue that they might receive prayers and blessings of the Rabbis or holy men." For this reason they were brought to Christ in continuation of former practices. See Luke 2:25, 28; Gen. 48:14; Num. 27:23; Acts 6:5; Acts 13:3. It was a kind of blessing and ordinance to eternal life, Acts 13:48. See also Acts 2:39; Acts 16:31. Such was in harmony with God's promises unto Abraham as the covenant was made between God, and Abraham and his seed. "And the disciples rebuked them." That is, those who brought them. Either they did not understand the purpose of it or thought that it was beneath Christ's dignity or a waste of precious time. Their imperfect faith could not comprehend the blessings and spiritual good that might proceed from the imposition of Christ's hands.

V. 14. "But Jesus said." Perhaps resentful of the disciples intruding into sacred offices, but at the same time ex-

tending a glad welcome to the children to come. "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me." He speaks as if they were ready for presentation for spiritual blessings and as if they would come if they were not hindered. "For of such is the kingdom of heaven." That is, such as are innocent, pure, simple and obedient as little children. It is not age that fits us for the kingdom of heaven, but disposition and character.

V. 15. "And he laid his hands on them." He was not influenced by the objection of His disciples. St. Mark says He took them up into His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them. The children required nothing but blessing. The hardened hearts of the Pharisees and sinners needed much preaching and many miracles wrought to prepare them for the work of faith that the little child might immediately receive. "And departed thence." That is, departed from Perea, journeying toward Jerusalem.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

McMINNVILLE, Tenn.—Our revival which began Jan. 7 ran three weeks and a half and was a wonderful meeting. Several were saved and sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. Luther A. Richard did the preaching and seemed at his best. Large crowds attended most every night in spite of the bad weather. Many came to the altar and many confessed it was right. The church here is progressing fine and we are looking for one of the best years it has ever had. We are planning to build a new building as we believe we are entitled to a good house for we have one of the best little band of saints I know of. Please pray for us that God will give us a great year.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Warren St.

SEBASTIAN, Fla.—A church was recently set in order here with fifteen members. The meeting ran three weeks and many were blessed. They are going to build a church soon, on the two lots donated by the postmistress, Mrs. W. A. Martin, for which we thank the Lord. Near two hundred dollars was pledged on the new building, about half of which was cash. God is blessing in a great way here. Brother Williams, our overseer, gave us a visit Sunday night and brought an edifying and enlightening message. Pray for us.—Your

brother in the Master's service, J. T. Roberts.

HONEA PATH, S. C.—We have just closed about a two weeks' meeting. The Lord certainly blessed. Twenty-two were saved, eighteen sanctified, and eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost. The church is greatly revived. Brother J. C. Green was in charge. Nine were added to the church. We earnestly desire every one to pray that the work will continue to grow. Pray that we may get us a church in which to worship.—Your brother, Verner Harvey.

JOPLIN, Mo.—The Church of God at Joplin is moving on. On Jan. 28 we had all day meeting. Some of the saints from Pittsburg, Kans. came. The Lord blessed. We had one hundred seven in Sunday School. Brother D. K. Murphy, state overseer, had charge of dedicating the church. Brother B. F. Clark, our pastor, gave the folks an opportunity to come into the church and two came in. Dinner was spread on the ground and a feast enjoyed by all. In the afternoon four were baptized in water. In the evening service Brother E. M. Mead and some of the saints from Weir City were with us. An offering was taken for missions which amounted to \$2.25. Brother Mead brought the message and

we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We thank the Lord for the way He is blessing at Joplin. Pray for us.—Katie George, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 165.

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—Bro. Hobert Cravens and I closed a revival Jan. 29 with three saved and two baptized in water. It is a new field for the Church of God. This revival was near Webbs Crossroads. Some are believing in holiness.—Your brother, Georgie Lee Cravens.

CLIFFVIEW, Va.—We have just closed a three weeks' meeting here, conducted by Brother Melton T. Lankford. God wonderfully manifested His sweet Spirit and power. I thank Him for healing my husband of head trouble and Brother Willie Ison Gire of fever. The saints have more love and unity. Five were added to the Church of God. One was wonderfully reclaimed. Pray for me to be true.—A sister, Mrs. Inia Haederfield.

RICHMONDALE, Ohio.—The Lord is blessing on this district. Up to date those that have paid in full on the General Indebtedness is as follows: Wellston, Pattonsburg, W. Junction, Springvale, Lancaster, Chillicothe. We are working together. At present we are in a revival at Richmondale. Please pray for this place.—Herschel L. Dillinger, district overseer.

CHURCH ESTABLISHED AT NATION'S CAPITAL

We are glad to report a Church of God established in Washington, D. C. This church was a Full Gospel Assembly, and one of our evangelist from Maryland, Brother Russell Ford, went over and preached for them, and they came into the Church. I went over on Friday night, March 6th, and set the Church in order with fourteen members, and more to come in later. They have a nice church building to worship in, the prospects are very good at this place. We thank the Lord for Brother Ford. He will pastor the church there. Please pray for the work there.—F. B. Marine, Overseer of Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia.

NOTICES

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our revival work and will begin our first revival at Lepanto, Ark., Mar. 24th. I will get to every church I can for a revival as fast as I can but I don't see how I will be able to give every church a revival. I would like for some good evangelist to come over and help us, for the harvest truly is ripe but the laborers are few in Arkansas. We need men in Arkansas who are not afraid. If you are fearful and afraid you won't stay long in Arkansas, that is, if you are afraid of hardships and the chills and fever. We need help badly here. It might encourage some one to come over and help us if I tell you we have been in Arkansas going on three years and have never felt any sign of a chill so it isn't so bad after all. If you feel like the Lord would have you, Brother Minister, to come over in Arkansas and you have a tent we surely would be glad to see you coming. As we are beginning now to start in our district convention work we surely will make good use of you if you like to work for the Lord, and if you should get sick the Lord is healing over here.

You who are sick and suffering and can't get victory send your handkerchief, we delight in praying for you. The Lord is still healing just as He ever did if you will send the handkerchief with the faith that it is going to be done.

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DEATH NOTICES**DIXON**

Clarence W. Dixon, age sixteen years, eleven months, and thirteen days, departed this life March 10, 1934. He was a member of the Church of God at Sebastian, Fla., and died trusting the Lord. Services were conducted by the writer.—L. B. Hammond.

CAMERON

Mrs. Agnes Catheura Cameron died Dec. 30, 1933 at the age of sixty-five years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. Funeral service was conducted by Theo. Mundle.—Edward Hayles, clerk, Fay Mount, Trout Hall P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

WALL

Mr. Charley Wall of Garfield, Ga. died Feb. 12, 1934 at the age of fifty-four.—One who loved him, his sister, Mrs. A. A. Wren, Augusta, Ga.

WALLS

Mrs. Hattie Lee Walls died Jan. 19, 1934. Brother N. B. Osbon conducted the funeral and interment was made in Lake View cemetery.—Her sister, Mrs. A. A. Wren, Augusta, Ga.

SELLS

Sister Mary Sells was born Aug. 5, 1880 and died March 10, 1934 at Sesser, Ill. Age fifty-three years, seven months, and five days. She had the blessing and was a faithful, active member of the Church of God. The funeral was conducted by Sister Nona Dame, interment in Sesser cemetery.—Sister Mar-

garet Stewart, 404 S. Duquoin St., Benton, Ill.

TAYLOR

In loving memory of my dear husband and son, Thos. A. and Theodore R. Taylor. Son died Jan. 31, 1927 and husband died March 9, 1928.—A Church of God member, Laura I. Taylor, 3213 Stafford St., Baltimore, Md.

WILLIX

Sister Jewell Harter Willix, wife of Brother T. L. Willix, was born Jan. 5, 1902 and died Feb. 17, 1934. Age thirty-two years. Funeral was conducted by Brother T. S. Payne, interment in Spring Hill cemetery. She was a devoted Christian and faithful member of the Church of God.

GLORIOUS THOUGHT

All praise be unto thee my King!
I feel thy presence within;
Rejoicing I rise in the morning and sing
Because of my wonderful redemption
from sin!

Glorious, yea, heavenly beams of delight
Rush thru this heart of mine;
Savior, I love thee, praise and adore!
Sacred to me to know I am thine.

I shall be like Him, this I have read;
As He is I shall see Him.
Can it be true that I shall arise
In His image, up in the skies?

Now I am happy to feel this great power,
The same that brought Jesus out from the
tomb;

He said, I must go but I'll come again.
Rapturous thought dispelling all gloom.

Matt. 10:8.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."

O my sinner friend, poor lost soul,
Flee from your sinful life, run to the fold;
Do let Jesus NOW speak to your heart,
Let Him enter NOW, have full control.

He will bring peace to you
And make your heart rejoice;
You will feel a heavenly glow
While listening to His voice.

He will turn the sadness of this earth
To heaven's brightest blue,
And fill that darkened heart of yours
With the rainbow's glorious hue.

So do not longer wait outside,
His ear is bending low
To listen to your faintest cry,
When to His feet you go.

"What a friend we have in Jesus."
Clara Mullikin.

REQUESTS

Please pray that my husband and children will come to God, also pray for my neighbors and their children to find God.—A sister, Mrs. James B. Harman.

Brother Ray Hill and I are in a revival at Richmond, Ky. The writer ran the meeting eight weeks and Brother Hill has been with me three weeks. Thirty-six have been saved, twenty-eight sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-five added to the church. The meeting is still going with thirty or more at the altar last night. Pray for God to have His way in our lives and hearts and also bring more sinners to God.—Harrison Hornsby, pastor.

Pray earnestly for poor lost souls to be saved in our revival which began March 11 with Brother R. H. Bell and wife in charge. Pray that many souls will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. This is an earnest appeal so please pray for the success of this meeting.—A heart burdened for lost souls, Preston Short.

I am very afflicted in body with T. B. Four and a half years ago I was confined to bed with T. B. when God gave me victory and raised me from the bed of affliction by divine power. Now for four months I've been scarcely able to sit up but I know God is the same yesterday, today and forever. I am fully trusting God for my body. I want His will to be done in my life. I desire every child of God to earnestly get in touch with God. Pray for me. I've no fear of death but have four small children and you sainted mothers know your hearts fear for your little ones in this sinful world. Pray for my home.—One who wants to be humble, Mrs. Chas. Wood, Hardburly, Ky.

Please pray for Mrs. Lee Cook, of Baileyville, W. Va., who is in the hospital and has been there for three months. During her stay in the hospital she has been saved and now requests God's people everywhere to pray for her recovery. Another woman in the same hospital is at the point of death and wants prayer that she will be

saved.—Mrs. Louise Markland, Welch, W. Va.

Please pray for my mother who has trouble in her throat and head and pains throughout her body. Also pray that God will convict my stepfather of his wrongs and remove the hindering cause from his yielding to God.—Miss Elberta Heaves, 118a, Rt. 2, Truman, Ark.

Please pray for me as I have kidney trouble and bad headache spells. I know the Lord can heal. Also pray that I will get closer to God.—Mrs. Josie Tharp, Yazoo City, Miss.

I request prayer for the healing of my brother's body. He has been sick for six months. He can't walk and can hardly talk. He is saved and believes God can heal him. Please have special prayer as soon as you read this as he needs your prayers.—Mrs. Cora Moneyhan, Rt. 3, Box 128, Whigham, Ga.

Please pray for my husband and me, that God will direct and have His way. Pray that I may be healed of trouble of the spine and that my husband will be healed, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. He is a backslider.—A sister in Christ, Maggie Archibald, McCamey, Tex.

I have been sick for some time with high blood pressure, a weak heart, gall stones, and other troubles. I want all the dear saints to earnestly pray for an elder to come here who is burdened to pray for the sick. There is no preacher here except when our district overseer comes now and then, and we are only few in number. I thank the Lord for His help. Pray for the little church here and for my family to be saved.—Ella Musick, clerk, Clinchfield, Va.

My husband has a very bad stomach trouble and I want every one who prays to earnestly pray for him that God will completely heal him. He fully trusts God for his healing. Pray for me and the church at Mallory, W. Va.—A sister under the blood, Rinda Ramey.

COLUMBIA, S. C. DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Columbia District Convention convened at the Church of God, Columbia, S. C., Feb. 23-25.

The Convention was conducted by Brother H. L. Whittington, State Overseer of South Carolina. Through his able leadership, and the assistance of other ministers and the Anderson String Band, the convention was considered the best that the Columbia District has ever had.

Friday evening, Brother Whittington opened the convention by speaking on "The Purpose of the Convention." Brother Linwood Jacobs of Columbia, and Brother Otis Smith of Dillon preached. From the very beginning God's approval was with us and the Holy Ghost was present.

Saturday morning the different ministers gave their methods of financing the Church, after which Brother Faile of Earle, and Brother Cashett from Lake City gave very inspiring messages.

Saturday evening the Anderson String Band gave a wonderful musical program. The blessings from God were poured out in a marvelous way, and amidst God's approval, Brother Frank Smith of Winnsboro, and Brother McAbee of Rock Hill preached.

Only a short time was given for Sunday School, Sunday morning, as time and crowds would not permit. Sister Margaret Jacobs of Columbia preached. Brother R. G. Looney, pastor at Columbia preached on the benefits of the Sunday School. Brother Whittington, State Overseer of S. C., gave a very inspiring sermon on "If the Church Fails, Who is to Blame?" After this message \$50.00 was given to Foreign Missions.

After dinner Brother Brooks of Charleston preached "Put on Charity."

In every instance the pastors reported a great forward movement in all the churches. The evangelists reported new fields being opened and an expectation of a great harvest of souls.

Large crowds attended the convention, and as Brother Whittington remarked during a great outpour of the Holy Ghost, "All the good things that happened at the convention could never be reported."—Linwood Jacobs.

March 31, 1934.

REPORT

On Nov. 19th we began a war against sin and the devil in Fitzgerald, Ga. We had secured the help of Sister Mary Mitchell. There was manifestation of the power of God. The altar services were fine, seekers wept their way to Christ. Fifteen were saved, fifteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the

church. The writer conducted the meeting with wife and Sister Mary preaching some. Their messages were truly enjoyed by all. Brother J. W. Murray and wife came over and he did some good preaching.

Sister Murray sang with Sister Mary and it was fine and enjoyed by many. On the third Sunday of the meeting, Dec. 3rd, our state overseer visited us for our district convention. He preached some

good messages while here. We could feel the presence of God. Brother Buchan was with us and gave a good report of his work at Eureka and Broxton. Say, he surely had the victory.

We are looking for a real soul harvest in Georgia this year and especially here at Fitzgerald. We covet your prayers.—Yours in His service, G. B. Langford, Rt. 3, Fitzgerald, Ga.

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32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. 34 Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35 Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

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